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SUBJECT: 16TH SESSION OF THE UNESCO COUNCIL OF THE IBE,
GENEVA, JANUARY 17-20, 1978

1. MEETING OPENED 10:00AM JANUARY 17 WITH WELCOME AND
OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, AGBLEMAGNON;
ADG TANGUIANE AND DIRECTOR OF IBE CHANDLER.

2. AGENDA WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT CHANGE.

3. TWENTY OF TWENTY-FOUR MEMBER STATES WERE REPRESENTED.
MISSING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE CUBA, JORDAN, JAPAN AND USSR.
USSR DELEGATE ARRIVED SECOND DAY.

4. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF IBE FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO
DECEMBER 31, 1977 WAS ACCEPTED FOLLOWING DISCUSSION.

5. ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR 1978 PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR
OF IBE WERE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.

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6. THE RESULTS OF THE 36TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
EDUCATION WERE REVIEWED, INCLUDING PLANS TO IMPLEMENT
RECOMMENDATION 71 ON ESTABLISHING NATIONAL AND INTER-
NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL NETWORKING SYSTEMS. INITIAL PALNNING
WAS BEGUN FOR 37TH CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN JULY 1979 AND
TO RELATE IT APPROPRIATELY TO INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE

CHILD THROUGH EXHIBITS AND POSSIBLY A YOUTH FORUM. BEING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IBE, A SPECIAL STUDY OF THE OF THE HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE IBE WILL BE PREPARED, AND IN PLENARY SESSION, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IDEAS, THEORIES AND TRENDS IN EDUCATION FOR PAST 50 YEARS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

7. PREPARATION FOR 38TH ICE (1981) PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY. AT US RECOMMENDATION SUPPORTED BY INDIA, NIGERIA AND OTHERS, THE COUNCIL BY CONSENSUS DIRECTED IBE SECRETARIAT TO FOCUS PLENARY DISCUSSION ON EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE - THE 1980'S AND BEYOND. THIS TOPIC WAS PRESENTED AND ACCEPTED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEED FOR GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES IN EDUCATION. THE SPECIAL THEME SELECTED WAS "THE INTERACTION BETWEEN EDUCATION AND PRODUCTIVE WORK".

8. THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1979-80, STILL IN PREPARATORY STAGE AND SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER 1978 WAS DISCUSSED. USDEL REQUESTED MORE DETAILED BUDGET INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS SINCE NO LINE ITEM BREAKDOWN GIVEN. USDEL ALSO STATED US POSITION TO ADHERE TO ZERO PROGRAMME GROWTH WITHIN TOTAL UNESCO BUDGET OF WHICH IBE BUDGET ONLY A PART.

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BUDGET REFLECTS SOME ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION OVER PAST TWO YEARS. PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET REDUCED FROM \$1,000,000 TO \$966,000 FOR 1979-80. THIS COMPARES TO \$937,400 FOR 1977-78. INCREASE OF \$28,600 REPRESENTS 3 PERCENT INCREASE. THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET LISTED \$2,029,000 FOR 1979-80 COMPARED TO \$1,901,000 IN 1977-78 OR AN INCREASE OF \$128,000. A LARGE PART OF THE INCREASE, \$93,000, IS FOR FUNDING 3 POSITIONS FOR IERS WHEN DONOR EXTRABUDGETING FUNDS TERMINATE.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES OF IBE APPEAR REALISTIC AND FEASIBLE AND ALSO REFLECT COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITH OTHER UNITS OF EDUCATION SECTOR OF UNESCO.

9. NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL WAS SET FOR JANUARY 23-26, 1979.

10. COUNCIL APPROVED SUMMARY REPORT OF IBE STAFF ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY COUNCIL AT CURRENT MEETING, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN GOOD SPIRIT AND WITHOUT POLITICAL CONTROVERSY. VANDEN HEUVEL

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